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Letter dated 28 September 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing to you, also on behalf of the Permanent Representatives of Australia, Belgium, Malaysia and Ukraine to the United Nations, in your capacity as President of the Security Council for the month of September.

With reference to Council resolution 2166 (2014) and my previous letters sent to the Council on 1 and 28 August, 9 September and 16 December 2014, and 20 July and 13 October 2015, we have the honour to inform you that, on 28 September 2016, the Joint Investigation Team conducting the independent criminal investigation into the downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 over eastern Ukraine on 17 July 2014 presented its interim findings.

The Joint Investigation Team comprises the investigative authorities of Australia, Belgium, Malaysia, the Netherlands and Ukraine. It is conducting the international criminal investigation that was called for in resolution 2166 (2014). The Team operates fully independently.

The presentation and explanatory videos on the Joint Investigation Team's interim findings have been posted on the website of the Dutch Public Prosecution Service (https://www.om.nl).

The independent criminal investigation by the Joint Investigation Team is ongoing. We recall that the Security Council, in its resolution 2166 (2014), demanded that "all States cooperate fully with efforts to establish accountability".

The Kingdom of the Netherlands, Australia, the Kingdom of Belgium, Malaysia and Ukraine remain fully committed to holding those responsible for the downing of flight MH17 to account. There must be justice for the families and loved ones of the victims.

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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